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JOINT FOREST MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States which have passed resolution on Joint Forest Management (JFM) sofar for the management of forest with people`s participation;

(b) the number of States which have not passed such resolution alongwith reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have constituted a Committee on Joint Forest Management to advise on the matters pertaining to operationalisation of Joint Forest Management;

(d) if so, whether this Committee has submitted its report and suggested ways and means for JFM; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Govt. in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ENVIORNMENT & FORESTS(SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) So far 26 States have passed resolution for involving the local people in forest management through the Joint Forest Management programme.

(b) Goa and Meghalaya are yet to adopt the resolution for implementation of JFM.The Management of Forests at the field level is primarily the responsibility of the States.

(c)to(e) No Committee has been set up by the Government of India for operationalisation of the JFM.The operationalisation of JFM is done through the State forest Department and the Village Committees. However, Government of India has constituted JFM Network under the Chairmanship of Director General Forests and Special Secretary forconstant consultation and obtaining feed back from all the stake-holders.